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Letters to HPSCI and SSCI Concerning Diplomatic Security Act

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Attached for your signature are identical letters to Hamilton, Stump, Durenberger and Leahy summarizing our position concerning the "staffing level" issue in the diplomatic security legislation. The letters urge their support for the corrective steps we are attempting to have taken at the House/Senate Conference.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Comments for OMB on H.R. 4151 as passed by the Senate

1. On 8 July 1986 I called Russ Neely of OMB and informed of the Agency's position on the above described legislation. Briefly, our position is the same as it was when the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations reported the bill. We support the House language on the protection of our basic authorities in section 106(b). We are strongly opposed to section 103(b) of both the House and Senate versions of the bill providing that the Secretary of State shall have authority to "establish" staffing levels for all government agencies having activities abroad. We believe that the Secretary's authority should be limited to the "coordination" of the staffing levels of government agencies having activities abroad.

2. Russ informed me that this position was consistent with the OMB and hence the Administration's position on the bill. In addition, I told him that we should seek report language that would soften the impact of 103(b) so that the Secretary of State did not have unfettered authority to establish staffing levels for other agencies abroad. He responded that since 103(b) may not be "conferenceable" because the language was indetical in both the House and Senate versions of the bill. Therefore the only remaining opportunity is to have interpretive report language in the statement of the managers of the bill. There is also a possibility that when the president signs the bill he could make a statement interpreting section 103(b) to soften its impact.

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